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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:BENINESE INTENTION TO IMPOSE INTERNAL SECURITY

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BENIN, INCLUDING OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS INVOLVING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OR OTHER U.S. CITIZENS.

2. EVEN IF DECREE PROMULGATED PRIOR TO MARCH 8 MEETING OF RESIDENT CHIEFS OF MISSION (PARA 5 REFTEL), DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE BEST FORUM FOR OUR INITIAL RESPONSE. DURING THIS MEETING EMBASSY SHOULD URGE JOINT POSITION BY RESIDENT MISSIONS IN BENIN THAT GPRB SHOULD GUARANTEE 1) FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR DIPLOMATS, 2) UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS BY THEIR MISSIONS, CITING ARTICLE 35 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION

ON CONSULAR RELATIONS, (CONSULAR OFFICERS SHALL BE FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEM) AND 3) UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO PRESENT AND FUTURE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING SUCH PROJECTS BY DONOR MISSIONS (TO INCLUDE UNIMPEDED PEACE CORPS ACCESS TO VOLUNTEERS AND VICE VERSA). YOU SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER OTHER STATES REPRESENTED AT MEETING ARE LIKELY TO CONSIDER RECIPROCATING.

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6. ASSUME THAT HARRASSED PCV NOT REPEAT NOT RETURNED TO VILLAGE AND THAT PEACE CORPS NOT CONTINUING ACTIVITY IN THAT VILLAGE. PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF INCIDENT.

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